

Application No. 10/620,907
Response to Office Action

Customer No. 01933

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Canceled).

2. (Currently Amended) An optical fiber end face cleaner ~~as claimed in claim 1, wherein said at least one elastic base comprises a plurality of elastic bases, and said at least one adhesive layer comprises a plurality of adhesive layers, and~~
5 ~~wherein said plurality of elastic bases and said plurality of adhesive layers form for cleaning an end face of an optical fiber by removing deposits on the end face of the optical fiber, said optical fiber end face cleaner comprising:~~

10 a plurality of laminated optical fiber end face cleaner units, each laminated optical fiber end face cleaner unit comprising:

one elastic base comprising an elastic member which has one flat surface of a predetermined size and which has a predetermined thickness in a direction perpendicular to the one
15 flat surface; and

one adhesive layer formed on a predetermined area of a surface of said one elastic base, and for allowing the end face of the optical fiber to be pressed against a surface of said adhesive layer;

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20 wherein the plurality of laminated optical fiber end face
cleaner units are sequentially laminated such that ~~said the~~
adhesive layer of one optical fiber end face cleaner unit is
adhered to a back surface of ~~said the~~ elastic base of ~~another an~~
adjacent optical fiber end face cleaner ~~adjacent to said one~~
25 ~~optical fiber end face cleaner unit, for allowing such that~~ said
laminated optical fiber end face cleaner units ~~to be~~ are able to
be sequentially peeled off one by one from a foremost unit side.

3. (Currently Amended) An optical fiber end face cleaner as
claimed in claim 2, wherein said adhesive layers of said
laminated optical fiber end face cleaner units ~~are configured to~~
have respective areas which progressively ~~decreased~~ decrease in
5 size in a forward direction of lamination of said laminated
optical fiber end face cleaner units.

4. (Currently Amended) An optical fiber end face cleaner as
claimed in claim 2, further comprising a holder casing for
holding and accommodating said laminated optical fiber end face
cleaner units, said holder casing having a cleaning window formed
5 therein for allowing the end face of the optical fiber to be
pressed against said adhesive layer of a foremost one of said
laminated optical fiber end face cleaner units ~~for cleaning~~
thereof to clean said end face.

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5. (Currently Amended) An optical fiber end face cleaner as claimed in claim 3, further comprising a holder casing for holding and accommodating said laminated optical fiber end face cleaner units, said holder casing having a cleaning window formed therein for allowing the end face of the optical fiber to be pressed against said adhesive layer of a foremost one of said laminated optical fiber end face cleaner units ~~for cleaning thereof to clean said end face.~~

6. (Currently Amended) An optical fiber end face cleaner as claimed in claim 4, wherein said holder casing ~~includes~~ comprises a spring for urging forward a rearmost one of said laminated optical fiber end face cleaner units held and accommodated therein, ~~forward~~ from a back side of said elastic base of said rearmost ~~one~~ optical fiber end face cleaner unit.

7. (Currently Amended) An optical fiber end face cleaner as claimed in claim 5, wherein said holder casing ~~includes~~ comprises a spring for urging forward a rearmost one of said laminated optical fiber end face cleaner units held and accommodated therein, ~~forward~~ from a back side of said elastic base of said rearmost ~~one~~ optical fiber end face cleaner unit.

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